

**Amendments To The Claims**

The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A cylinder assembly for a hermetic compressor comprising:  
  
a cylinder block having a cylinder in which a piston reciprocates;  
  
a cylinder head connected to the cylinder block to seal the cylinder, the head defining an inlet hole and being divided by a cylindrical partition into a first and a second discharge chamber chambers, coupled to each other via at least one hole through the side of the cylindrical partition, said discharge chambers serving ~~that serve~~ as an outlet path and  
  
a valve assembly formed between the cylinder block and the cylinder head, the valve assembly controlling refrigerant outlet flow and inlet flow to and from the cylinder.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently amended) The cylinder assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the partition is cylindrical, the space inside the cylindrical partition being defined as the first discharge chamber, the space outside the cylindrical partition being defined as the second discharge chamber, the first discharge chamber having a valve assembly seating surface for the valve assembly being mounted thereon, and the partition being

provided with an inlet path therein formed without connection to the first discharge chamber.

4. (Original) The cylinder assembly as recited in claim 3, wherein the valve assembly comprises:

a valve plate having a suction port for connecting the inlet hole and the cylinder in fluid communication, and a discharge port for connecting the cylinder and the first discharge chamber in fluid communication;

a suction valve sheet having a suction valve for opening and closing the suction port; a discharge valve sheet having a discharge valve for opening and closing the discharge port; and

a gasket between the discharge valve sheet and the valve assembly seating surface so as to block the inlet hole and the first discharge chamber, which has a cut-away portion that is positioned to limit a lifting gap of the discharge valve.

5. (Original) The cylinder assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein the first discharge chamber has a stopper portion for controlling lift of the discharge valve, which is formed at the same or lower height as the valve assembly seating surface.

6. (Original) The cylinder assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein a cylinder gasket is located between the cylinder head and the cylinder block to seal between the second discharge chamber and the cylinder.